

**Chambers of District Judge Elaine E. Bucklo**

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**Elaine E. Bucklo**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: Saint Louis U 1966 AB; Northwestern 1972 JD  
Began Service: October 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Lecturer, Northwestern University (1973); Visiting Professor, School of Law, University of California, Davis (1978-1980)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Robert A. Sprecher, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (1972-1973)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1985-1994)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1973-1985)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Section on Litigation, American Bar Association; Chicago Council of Lawyers; Federal Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Jessica Romero** ..... (312) 435-7610  
Term Expires: 2008  
Law Clerk **Tara Thompson** ..... (312) 435-7610  
Term Expires: 2007  
Court Reporter **Michael Snyder** ..... (312) 435-5563  
Judicial Assistant **Marilyn E. Turner** ..... (312) 435-7610

**Chambers of District Judge Joan B. Gottschall**

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**Joan B. Gottschall**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Smith 1969 BA; Stanford 1973 JD  
Began Service: September 3, 1996  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, John Marshall Law School (1983-1984)

**Government:** Staff Attorney, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1976-1978)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1984-1996)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Jenner & Block LLP (1973-1976); Associate, Jenner & Block LLP (1978-1981); Partner, Jenner & Block LLP (1981-1982); Staff Attorney, University of Chicago (1983-1984)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The Chicago Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Sam Brooke** ..... (312) 435-3069  
Began Service: September 2007  
Law Clerk **(Vacant)** ..... (312) 435-3068  
Career Law Clerk **Ellen Schmidt** ..... (312) 435-5640  
Education: George Washington 1999 JD  
Courtroom Deputy **Rhonda Johnson** ..... (312) 435-5641  
Judicial Assistant **Nancy Novotny Moravec** ..... (312) 435-5640

**Chambers of District Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer**

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**Rebecca R. Pallmeyer**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1954  
Education: Valparaiso 1976 BA; Chicago 1979 JD  
Began Service: October 21, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Adjunct Faculty Member, School of Law, Loyola University Chicago

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Rosalie E. Wahl, Minnesota Supreme Court (1979-1980)

**Judicial:** Administrative Law Judge, Illinois Human Rights Commission (1985-1991); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1991-1998)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Hopkins & Sutter (1980-1985)

**Current Memberships:** The Chicago Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges; Women's Bar Association of Illinois

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Catherine Spector** ..... (312) 435-5636  
Began Service: September 2007  
Term Expires: September 2008  
Law Clerk **Mark Spottswood** ..... (312) 435-7639  
Began Service: September 2007  
Term Expires: September 2008  
Courtroom Deputy **Ena T. Ventura** ..... (312) 435-5637  
Court Reporter **Frances Ward** ..... (312) 435-5561  
Judicial Assistant **Susan Kelly Lenburg** ..... (312) 435-5636

**Chambers of District Judge Matthew F. Kennelly**

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**Matthew F. Kennelly**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1956  
Education: Notre Dame 1978 BA; Harvard 1981 JD  
Began Service: June 22, 1999  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Prentice H. Marshall, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1982-1984)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Hedlund, Hunter & Lynch (1981-1982); Associate, Cottrillos, Stephenson, Tighe & Streicker, Ltd. (1984-1989); Partner, Cottrillos, Stephenson, Tighe & Streicker, Ltd. (1989-1999)

**Nonprofit:** Director, Board of Directors, Lawyers Committee for Better Housing (1984-1999)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American College of Trial Lawyers; The Chicago American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court

**Chambers of District Judge William J. Hibbler**

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**William J. Hibbler**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Illinois (Chicago) 1969 BS; DePaul 1973 JD  
Began Service: April 15, 1999  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Felony Trial Supervisor, Office of the State Attorney, County of Cook, Illinois (1985-1986)

**Judicial:** Assistant Supervising Judge, Chicago Traffic Court (1986-1987); Felony Trial Judge, Criminal Division, Cook County Circuit Court (1988-1995); Presiding Judge, Juvenile Justice Division, Circuit Court of Cook County (1995-1999)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Belmonte, Kagan, Hibbler & DePalma (1977-1981)

**Current Memberships:** Committee on Criminal Law and Prohibition, Illinois Supreme Court; The Chicago Bar Association; Cook County Bar Association; Illinois Judges Association; Illinois Judicial Council; Illinois State Bar Association

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Patrick S. Alexander** ..... (312) 435-5613  
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Education: Loyola (Chicago) 2000 JD

**Chambers of District Judge Ronald A. Guzman**

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**Ronald A. Guzman**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Lehigh 1970 BA; NYU 1973 JD  
Began Service: November 16, 1999  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Assistant States Attorney, County of Cook, Illinois (1975-1980)

**Judicial:** U.S. Magistrate, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1990-1999)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1973-1974); Private Practice (1980-1990)

**Nonprofit:** Staff Attorney, Association House of Chicago (1980-1984)

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Lisa Gillette** ..... (312) 435-5363  
Career Law Clerk **Laurie Mullaney** ..... (312) 435-5363  
Education: Michigan JD  
Secretary **Varsha Pandya** ..... (312) 435-5363

**Chambers of District Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow**

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**Joan Humphrey Lefkow**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: Wheaton (IL) 1965 AB; Northwestern 1971 JD  
Began Service: September 1, 2000  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Instructor, School of Law, University of Miami (1980-1981)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Thomas E. Fairchild, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (1972-1973)

**Government:** Attorney, Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago (1972-1975); Administrative Law Judge, Fair Employment Practices Commission, State of Illinois (1975-1977); Chief Administrative Law Judge, Fair Employment Practices Commission, State of Illinois (1977-1979); Executive Director, Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago (1981-1982)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1982-1997); Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1997-2000)

**Current Memberships:** The Chicago Bar Association; Chicago Council of Lawyers; The Seventh Circuit Bar Association, Federal Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Michael A. Rabkin** ..... (312) 435-5832  
Began Service: 2007  
Education: Yale 2000 BA; Northwestern 2007 JD  
Law Clerk **Katherine Sanderson Walter** ..... (312) 435-5832  
Education: Northwestern 2001 BA; Virginia 2004 JD  
Court Reporter **Pamela Warren** ..... (312) 294-8907  
Judicial Assistant **Krys Juleen** ..... (312) 435-5832

**Chambers of District Judge John W. Darrah**

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**John W. Darrah**  
District Judge

Education: Loyola (Chicago) 1965 BS, 1969 JD  
Began Service: September 1, 2000  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Affiliation:** Faculty, National Institute for Trial Advocacy; Adjunct Professor, John Marshall Law School; Adjunct Professor, Northern Illinois University

**Government:** Public Guardian, County of DuPage, Illinois; Public Administrator, County of DuPage, Illinois; Attorney Advisor, Federal Trade Commission (1969-1971); Deputy Public Defender (part-time), Office of the Public Defender, County of DuPage, Illinois (1971-1973); Assistant State's Attorney, Office of the State's Attorney, State of Illinois (1973-1976)

**Judicial:** Judge, 18th Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois (1986-2000)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Cox, Lyle & Darrah (1971-1973); Partner, Ryan & Darrah (1976-1981); Partner, Ryan, Darrah & Stringini (1981-1984); Sole Practitioner (1984-1986)

**Membership:** Past President, The DuPage American Inns of Court; Past President, DuPage County Bar Association

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